

## **REMARKS**

### **Status of the claims**

Claims 18-27 are pending in the application. The claims have been amended such that all of the claims depend from claim 18. See for example, amended claims 19 and 20. In addition, new claims 24-27 have been added, which correspond to cancelled claims 6-9 with the exception that the claims depend only on claim 18, either directly or indirectly. No new matter has been added by way of the amendments or new claims.

### **Restriction of the claims**

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I – Claims 1-4, 10, 11, 18 and 19, drawn to an aromatic sulfonium salt compound;

Group II – Claims 5-6, 12, 13 and 20-22, drawn to photopolymerizable

Group III – Claims 14-17, drawn to a stereolithography process; and

Group IV – Claim 23, drawn to a wrapping material.

The Examiner asserts that the claims do not relate to a single inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because they lack the same or corresponding technical feature. The Examiner further asserts that the technical common feature of the claims is an aromatic sulfonium salt compound, but that the claimed aromatic sulfonium salt compound is disclosed in J. Org. Chem.

Applicants traverse this rejection and withdrawal thereof is respectfully requested. As noted above, all of the present compounds depend from independent claim 18, with claims 1-17 being cancelled. Thus, all of the claims require the aromatic sulfonium salt compound of claim 18. The aromatic sulfonium salt compound of claim 18 is not disclosed or suggested by the J. Org. Chem. article. As such, the claims all share a common technical feature, which renders them patentable, i.e. the aromatic sulfonium salt compound of claim 18.

**For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, with traverse, Group I, Claims 18-19.**

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact MaryAnne Armstrong, Ph.D.,


Registration No 40,069 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

- ☐ Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.
- ☐ Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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